Police Department Overview

John Duscio Chief of Police

Department Divisions

- There are 4 divisions within the Police Department
 - Patrol
 - Criminal Investigations
 - School Resource Officers,
 - Records/ Property Evidence.

Patrol

- This is the uniformed division that provides proactive and reactive patrols throughout the city 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- Patrol is staffed with 2 Lieutenants, 4 sergeants, and 22 officers.
- ► There are 4 shifts, Alpha I, which works every other Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 7am-7pm. Alpha II which works the same days 7pm to 7am. And Bravo I which works Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and every other Saturday, 7am − 7pm. Bravo II same days 7pm − 7am

Patrol continued

- ▶ Much focus and attention has been made in regards to patrol staffing allocating sufficient resources to address the concerns of the community in safe and efficient manner. Wylie PD has established minimum staffing standards in order to assure adequate staff. Minimum staffing is currently set at 4 officers on a given shift; however in most cases there are 5 − 6 officers per shift.
- With the current staffing Wylie patrol provides the best possible service to it's citizens.

Patrol continued

- Patrol handles all in field related activities including pro-active patrols, traffic enforcement, accident investigations, traffic control, responding to emergency calls for service, and responding to calls for service involving initial reporting and investigation.
- Once a report call is received the responding officer gathers pertinent information and collects any basic evidence present. If more detailed investigation and evidence collection is necessary, a detective is called to the scene.

Criminal Investigation Division

- ▶ CID is staffed with 1 sergeant, 6 detectives, and one civilian secretary.
- Detectives work 10 hour shifts with 3 detectives working Monday through Thursday, and the other 3 working Tuesday through Friday. Their typical hours are 8am 6pm.
- Detectives are on rotating "on-call" status in which the on-call detective responds to crime scenes when requested by a patrol supervisor.

CID continued

- Detectives are assigned cases by offense types.
- **▶** The offense types are
- 1. Crimes against persons (CAPERS)
- Assault
- Robbery
- Homicide
- Rape
- 2. Property crimes
- Burglary
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Arson

CID continued

- Fraud / Forgery
- Identity theft
- * Sexual Assault/ Child abuse: There are 2 detectives that are assigned sexual assault and child abuse investigations as a primary function but they also perform all functions of other detectives. These detectives work closely with the Collin County Child Abuse Task Force and the Children's Advocacy Center

CID case clearance

- **▶** Cleared by Arrest —:
- Adult/ Juvenile Exceptional Clearance –
- Death of the Offender.
- **▶** Prosecution Declined –.
- Extradition Denied
- Victim Refused to Cooperate in the Prosecution
- Inactive

CID Secretary

- The CID Secretary builds cases for submittal to the DA's office for prosecution
- The CID secretary also keeps statistical case clearance data and coordinates citizen ride a longs.

Records

- The Records Section is staffed with one records supervisor, two record clerks, and the property quartermaster clerk. Records is the information-processing hub of the Department. During the past 5 years the volume of work has increased dramatically. Three civilians process police reports, build cases for submittal to the DA, accident reports, citations, open records requests, and provide service to citizens at our public service counter.
- The Records Supervisor also does department, purchase orders, keeps track of all officers training records, and monitors the budget.

School Resource Officers

- The SRO unit is staffed with one sergeant and 4 officers.
- The sergeant is also assigned a school and is a working SRO as well as a sergeant.
- SRO's are assigned to the two High schools, and middle/ intermediate schools
- They also service the feeder elementary campuses that feed into their assigned intermediate and middle schools

SRO continued

- > SRO investigate all criminal activity associated with WISD campuses.
- They work with principals and assistant principal with issues related to student behavior.
- > SRO's spend most of their day counseling and mentoring student.
- Their presence on campus is a great deterrent to criminal activity both on campus and in the community

SRO continued

- > SRO's have many other functions as well as their SRO duties.
- > SRO's supervise the crossing guards.
- Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Bike rodeo's Citizen and Teen Police Academies, home and safety inspections and provide security at many school related extra-curricular activities.

Other Assignments

- SWAT: Special Weapons and Tactics. There are 9 SWAT members that are special trained and equipped to address high risk incidents. The SWAT team trains twice a month.
- Hostage Negotiations: There are 6 officers specially trained in Hostage / Crisis negotiations
- Design. There is one officer specially trained to inspect both commercial and residential properties and recommended design features to essence safety and security

Other Assignments

- Municipal Court Bailiff / Warrant Officer
- Bicycle Patrol: are several officers that have received specialized training in the concept and tactics of patrolling on a bicycle
- Firearms instructor
- **Emergency Vehicle Operation Instructor**
- Baton instructor
- Defensive Tactics instructor
- Physical fitness coordinator

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